



COLORADO

Gov. John Hickenlooper

November 21, 2018

Honorable Mr. Andrew Wheeler
EPA Acting Administrator
Via email: WIINDrinkingwatergrants@epa.gov

Subject: Lead in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Grant

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

This letter is to serve as the State of Colorado's notice of intent to participate in the Lead in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Grant authorized under the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN). Colorado is committed to being part of the solution to protect students and preschool children from the damaging effects of lead in drinking water at schools and childcare facilities.

Colorado proposes to have the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) as the lead agency for the purposes of this grant. In 2017, CDPHE established a public school lead testing grant program that provides funding through state fiscal year 2020 to assist eligible public schools with testing. CDPHE is well positioned to implement and administer this grant in a timely fashion while continuing to support Colorado's effort on reducing lead exposure.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our interest in this grant. I look forward to working with EPA on the application. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions or if you need further information.

Sincerely,

John Hickenlooper, Governor
State of Colorado

cc: Colorado Department of Public Health
Colorado Department of Education





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

207 STATE HOUSE
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706

BRUCE RAUNER
GOVERNOR

December 29, 2018

Andrew R. Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: Notice of Intent to Participate in WIIN Grant Program

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

The State of Illinois herewith confirms its intent to participate in EPA's program to provide grants to states for testing drinking water for lead, pursuant to authorization under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN). The state agency responsible for this program will be the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

IDPH Contact: Ken McCann
Chief, Environmental Health
Office of Health Protection
525 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, IL 62761
Ken.Mccann@illinois.gov
217-782-5830

Sincerely,

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Bruce Rauner
Governor, State of Illinois

Cc: Ken McCann

Office of the Governor
State of Louisiana

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
GOVERNOR



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December 11, 2018

Mr. Andrew Wheeler
EPA Acting Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
MC: 4606M
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

This letter serves as Louisiana's intent to participate in the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act (WIIN) grant.

Louisiana has formed a Multi-Agency Coordination Group to develop the work plan to address the WIIN grant objectives. The Multi-Agency Coordination Group is composed of representatives from the Louisiana Governor's Office, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Department of Health.

Within the Department of Health, the following offices and programs will support the grant: Office of Public Health, Bureau of Engineering Services/Safe Drinking Water Program and the Lead Program.

The State Agency to be the recipient of WIIN funds is Louisiana Department of Health/ OPH - Bureau of Engineering Services.

Amanda Ames, P.E.
LDH/OPH/ Bureau of Engineering Services
Bienville Building
628 N. 4th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Phone: 225-342-8138
Email: Amanda.Ames@la.gov

Should you have questions regarding Louisiana's intent to participate, please contact Amanda Ames at 225-342-8138.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor



Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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AUGUSTA, MAINE
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February 11, 2019

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20004
WIINDrinkingwatergrants@epa.gov

On behalf of the State of Maine, I submit this letter in support of Maine's notice of intent to participate in the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Drinking Water Grant program as part of the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act. The Maine Drinking Water Program, within our Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, will serve as the lead state agency for this program. Please send any follow up information pertaining to the grant program to the following:

Name: Michael Abbott, Drinking Water Program Director
Phone number: 207-287-5684
Email: Michael.Abbott@maine.gov
Mailing address: 11 State House Station, 286 Water Street, Augusta, ME04333

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICE
LANSING

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

BRIAN CALLEY
LT. GOVERNOR

December 4, 2018

Mr. Andrew R. Wheeler, Acting Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (MC 1101A)
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Participate

The State of Michigan is submitting this letter expressing our intent to participate in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act's Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant.

I certify the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as the recipient of funds to administer this grant program. The MDEQ intends to utilize the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Training, Testing, and Taking Action for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities approach with state modification in the administration of this grant.

Michigan will prioritize the grant for lead testing in schools and child care programs in underserved and/or low-income communities, elementary and child care facilities that primarily care for children six and under, and older facilities that are more likely to contain lead plumbing.

Thank you for providing this grant opportunity to the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder
Governor

cc: Ms. C. Heidi Grether, Director, MDEQ
Mr. Aaron B. Keatley, Chief Deputy Director, MDEQ
Ms. Amy Epkey, Administration Deputy Director, MDEQ
Mr. Eric Oswald, MDEQ
Ms. Sylvia Renteria, MDEQ



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR
January 10, 2019

Andrew R. Wheeler
Acting Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

As Governor, I am pleased to designate Mississippi State University as the eligible state entity that can apply for the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant on behalf of the state of Mississippi. Mississippi State University Extension will partner with the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory to lead the efforts. Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant will be Mississippi's first providing needed testing for the residence of the state of Mississippi.

Mississippi State University Extension recently participated as the point institution in Mississippi for a national research project in which 11 child care facilities in four states participated and over 1,500 samples were taken to determine lead levels in water. Project results included handouts to child care staff and parents about the importance of testing for lead in drinking water and taking action when results exceed determined action levels.

The Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory (MSCL) is an ISO/IEC: 17025:2005 Accredited Laboratory, whose mission is to provide analytical data to ensure the quality, accurate labeling, and safety of all human foods, animal feeds, fertilizers, pesticides, and petroleum products sold in the State of Mississippi. Analyses are performed to supply information required for regulatory action by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC), Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), and other regulatory agencies for the State. As part of the groundwater-monitoring program (*Miss. Code Ann.* of 1972 Sections 69-23-7(2) and 75-47-7(1)), the MSCL routinely tests water samples collected throughout the State for pesticides, priority pollutants, and heavy metals to aid in the protection underground water resources. Additionally, the Lab provides lead testing for soil and paint chips from daycare facilities under the "Mississippi Child Care Licensing Law (Section 43-20-1 et seq. of the *Miss. Code Ann.* of 1972)".

Andrew R. Wheeler
January 10, 2019
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Again, I am happy to designate Mississippi State University as the eligible state entity for Mississippi, and hope you will give its grant application full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Phil Bryant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Phil" and last name "Bryant" clearly distinguishable.

Phil Bryant
Governor

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Michael L. Parson

GOVERNOR
STATE OF MISSOURI

January 15, 2019

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Wheeler:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the WIIN Drinking Water Grant program. This letter of intent is to confirm Missouri's interest in participating in the WIIN Drinking Water Grant. The citizens of Missouri will benefit greatly from this program and the numerous opportunities it allows for the State.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will act as the lead agency for grant administration purposes and will be collaborating with other state agencies with a similar vested interest in this program. I respectfully request that any future communications be forwarded to the following:

Jeff Wenzel, Chief
Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
P.O. Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570
(573) 751-6102
Jeff.Wenzel@health.mo.gov

Again, thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to working with the EPA on this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Parson", written over a horizontal line.

Michael L. Parson

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK
GOVERNOR



MIKE COONEY
LT. GOVERNOR

November 13, 2018

Honorable Mr. Andrew Wheeler
USEPA Acting Administer
Via email: WIINDrinkingwatergrants@epa.gov

Subject: Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN) Grant.

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

This letter is to serve as the State of Montana's notice of intent to participate in the WIIN Lead in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Grant. Montana is committed to be a part of the solution to protect our students and pre-school children from the damaging effects of lead in drinking water at our schools and childcare facilities.

Montana proposes to have the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as the lead agency for the purposes of this grant. The DEQ is well equipped to administer this grant with the expertise of drinking water and water protection specialists. DEQ also has a close working relationship with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services which can address any health-related questions that may arise.

I thank you for the opportunity to express our interest in this needed project and I look forward to cooperating with EPA on the implementation of this grant. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Bullock, consisting of a stylized 'S' and 'B'.

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

cc: EPA Region 8, Regional Administrator Doug Benevento
Montana DEQ, Acting Director George Mathieus
DEQ Water Quality Division Administrator



State of New Jersey

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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TRENTON, NJ 08625-0001

PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor

February 11, 2019

Yvonne-Veronica Gonzalez
WIIN Grants Program Lead
Office of Ground and Drinking Water
USEPA Headquarters
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Mail Code: 7405M
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Gonzalez,

On behalf of the state New Jersey, I submit this as notice of intent to participate in the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Drinking Water Grant program as part of the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act. The Department of Children and Families will serve as the lead state agency for this program. To that end, I designate Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer as my designee.

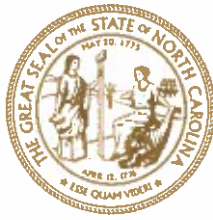
Please send any following up information pertaining to the grant program to the following:

Name:	Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer c/o Brian Ross
Phone number:	(609) 888-7030
Email:	Brian.Ross@DCF.NJ.GOV
Mailing address:	50 East State Street, PO Box 717, Trenton, NJ 08625-0717

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Murphy".

Philip D. Murphy
Governor



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

January 7, 2019

Andrew R. Wheeler
Acting Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The State of North Carolina is pleased to submit this Notice of Intent to Participate in the *Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Grant Program* authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act. This new grant program is designed to reduce exposure of children to lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities.

I designate the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as the state agency to be the recipient of funds and enter into a grant or cooperative agreement with EPA. I am aware that this is a non-competitive grant and requires no matching funds for participation. In addition, agency staff will be alerted to draft a workplan and budget narrative once notice of the final allocation for North Carolina is determined. Please contact Ed Norman in the DHHS Division of Public Health at ed.norman@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-707-5951 with additional information regarding this important new grant program.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper

RAC/swh



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

Honorable Mr. Andrew Wheeler
USEPA Acting Administer
Via email: WIINDrinkingwatergrants@epa.gov

February 11, 2019

Subject: Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN) Grant.

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

This letter is to serve as the State of North Dakota's notice of intent to participate in the WIIN Lead in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Grant. North Dakota is committed to being part of the solution to protect our students and pre-school children from the damaging effects of lead in drinking water at our schools and childcare facilities.

North Dakota proposes to have the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) as the lead agency for the purposes of this grant. The NDDEQ is well equipped to administer this grant with the expertise of drinking water, and water protection specialists. NDDEQ also has a close working relationship with the North Dakota Department of Health which can address any health-related questions that may arise.

I thank you for the opportunity to express our interest in this needed project and I look forward to cooperating with EPA on the implementation of this grant. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Burgum", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Doug Burgum
Governor

CC: NDDEQ



KATE BROWN
Governor

January 11, 2019

Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Washington DC 20460

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Oregon is pleased to submit the attached Notice of Intent to Participate in the WIIN Act grant program to assist with voluntary testing for lead in drinking water at schools and child care programs. By this letter, I designate the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as the lead agency to implement this important grant in Oregon.

As you will see in the attached Notice of Intent to Participate, the Oregon Department of Education intends to use the grant funds to assist with lead testing in licensed childcare facilities and preschools as well as our traditional K-12 public schools.

We appreciate this opportunity and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown





Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor



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Director of the Oregon Department of Education

Andrew R. Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

January 9, 2019

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Please accept this letter as Notice of Intent to Participate in the WIIN Act grant program on behalf of the Oregon Department of Education. The Department intends to use the WIIN Act grant funding to bolster its mandatory testing program.

In 2017, Oregon passed legislation requiring mandatory testing of water for lead at all public K-12 schools on a recurring basis. Rules have now been set and that testing will begin soon. In addition, in 2018 the Early Learning Division of Oregon Department of Education set rules requiring all state licensed childcare facilities to test for elevated levels of lead in water.

The Oregon State Legislature provided some funding for testing public K-12 schools. The WIIN Act grant funding would supplement that funding as well as providing training to school district and charter school personnel on proper techniques for collection of water samples to ensure that mandatory testing performed delivers accurate results.

The Early Learning Division would use WIIN Act grant funding to reimburse lab costs for testing faucets in licensed childcare facilities. This would primarily cover new providers coming into the system, as existing providers will have already completed testing before WIIN Act grant funds become available. The grant funding would also provide assistance with interpretation and translation services for providers who have challenges interacting with testing labs because their primary language is not English.

Because the amount of funding available will be unknown until February 22, 2019, we may modify our planned targets for the funding at a future date. We will be happy to submit a full proposal with any additional required information as instructed.

Thank you,

Brian Hodges-French
Healthy and Safe Schools Coordinator
Oregon Department of Education
Office of School Facilities
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Brian.French@ode.state.or.us



BILL LEE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF TENNESSEE

February 6, 2019

VIA EMAIL

Andrew R. Wheeler
Acting Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460
WIINDrinkingWaterGrants@epa.gov

**Re: Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) in Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program
Drinking Water Grant under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act**

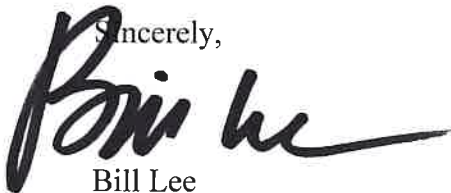
Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

On behalf of the State of Tennessee, this letter serves as notice of its intent to participate in the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water grant program under the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act. I certify that the Tennessee Department of Education will serve as the lead Tennessee agency with authority to enter into a grant or cooperative agreement with EPA and the recipient of funds for this program. Please send further information pertaining to the grant program to:

Lori Paisley
Tennessee Department of Education
710 James Robertson Parkway, 11th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243
(615) 854-2713
lori.paisley@tn.gov

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Bill Lee



STATE OF UTAH

GARY R. HERBERT
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
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SPENCER J. COX
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

December 19, 2018

Mr. Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator - MS 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler,

With this letter, I notify you of Utah's intent to participate in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Lead Testing in School and Child Care Facilities Drinking Water Grant and to have it administered by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Drinking Water (DDW). Utah's demographics and current efforts to address lead in schools position it well to benefit from the WIIN Grant.

Utah has more children per capita than any other state in the nation (U.S Census Bureau, 2016). With more school-aged children as a percentage of the total population, Utah is at greater risk to the toxic effects of lead. To protect this vulnerable population, I request that Utah's distinctive demographics be considered in the awarding of this grant and that a larger allotment be given than total population alone would dictate.

In 2017 the DDW conducted a study that showed 92% of Utah schools had levels of lead in their drinking water above the detection limit. Of the schools tested, 40% had levels between 1 microgram/liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) and 15 $\mu\text{g/L}$, and just over 2% had levels above Environmental Protection Agency's distribution system action level of 15 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

Utah has created two special programs to address lead in schools. *Lead Sampling in Schools* was created by the Utah Division of Drinking Water in 2017 to assist schools in testing for lead at two consumable taps in each school. This program used the EPA's 3Ts guidance to provide technical assistance to schools wishing to voluntarily test for lead. The Lead Sampling in Schools program also archives and publishes the occurrence data and participation of each school in Utah at leadfreeschools.utah.gov. This one-time effort created a robust sample set of over 1700 samples the results of which indicate detectable lead levels in the majority of Utah schools. Funds from the WIIN grant will allow the *Lead Sampling in Schools* program to be

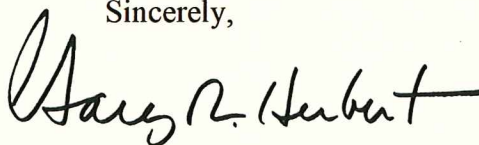
expanded to include more schools, a larger number of sampling locations within each school, include licensed daycare facilities, and establish ongoing monitoring.

Utah also developed the *Partnership for Lead-Free Schools* program. This program unites a group consisting of the Utah Lead Coalition, state and local health departments, county and civic leads, as well as rural and urban community stake-holders, for the purpose of informing educators and administrators about the dangers of lead, and the benefits of testing.

Funds from the WIIN grant will be used to reimburse schools for the cost of sample collection and laboratory analysis. Additionally, the DDW will use WIIN grant money to further develop its capacity to publish testing results online.

I request that the funds from the WIIN Lead Testing in School and Child Care Facilities Drinking Water Grant be administered by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Drinking Water to aide its efforts in the *Lead Sampling in Schools* program in order to increase school and daycare facility participation in testing and further develop the publication of data. Marie Owens, the director of the DDW, can be reached at mowens@utah.gov or by phone at 801-536-4207 to coordinate further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary R. Herbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gary R. Herbert
Governor



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Office of the Governor

November 28, 2018

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Notice of Intent to Participate in the Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Grant Program

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Drinking Water Grant Program. I want to ensure that all children who attend Washington schools and child care centers have access to safe drinking water.

In 2016, I directed the Washington State Department of Health to identify opportunities for reducing lead exposure. As a result, a voluntary program for testing school drinking water for lead was established. In less than a year, the pilot program has sampled nearly 300 schools. To protect our youngest residents, the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families requires testing for lead in drinking water in child care centers as part of their certification program.

To support both programs, I certify the Washington State Department of Health as the designee for the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act) State Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Program Drinking Water grant.

Very truly yours,

Jay Inslee
Governor

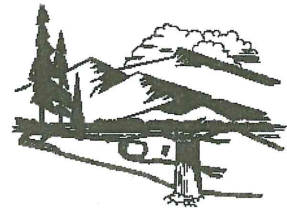




Mark Gordon, Governor

Department of Environmental Quality

To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.



Todd Parfitt, Director

February 7, 2019

Honorable Andrew R. Wheeler
Acting Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation" (WIIN) Grant for "Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities"

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

On behalf of the State of Wyoming, please accept this letter as my notice of intent to participate in the "Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities" drinking water grant program as authorized under the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation (WIIN) Act. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality will serve as the lead state agency for this program.

Please send any follow up information pertaining to this grant to:

Colin McKee
Senior Policy Advisor
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
200 W. 17th St., 4th Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7244
colin.mckee1@wyo.gov

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important program.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon
Governor

MG/KF/SG

cc: Todd Parfitt, Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
Bridget Hill, Director, Office of State Lands and Investments